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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: R. Mack
SHOICHI YAMAZAKI, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2873
Appln. No.: 09/333,998)	
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Filed: June 16, 1999)	
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For: HEAD-UP DISPLAY DEVICE)	December 15, 1999
WITH CURVED OPTICAL	:	
SURFACE HAVING TOTAL)	
REFLECTION (AS AMENDED)	:	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited in Application No. 08/959,285 (the "'285 Application"), the parent of the above-referenced divisional application. Copies of the documents should be available in the '285 Application under 37 CFR 1.98(d).

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REMARKS

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the '285 Application, and to its claims, in particular.

In addition, Applicants respectfully note that U.S. Patent No. 5,768,024 (Takahashi '024) discloses and claims, inter alia, an ocular optical system having first, second, and third surfaces, wherein the second surface is a reflecting surface that reflects light rays in the ocular optical system, the second surface having such a surface configuration that a surface configuration in a plane (YZ-plane) containing light rays turned back by the reflecting surface is different from a surface configuration in a XZ-plane perpendicular to the YZ plane.

As discussed in the Preliminary Amendment filed June 16, 1999, Claims 11 through 34 of the subject application were copied exactly or in modified form from Claims 13, 14, 16, and 17 of Takahashi '024.

Applicants respectfully submit, however, that Takahashi '024 does not qualify as prior art under the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

It will be appreciated that U.S. Patent Nos. 5,539,422 (Heacock, et al.) and 5,546,227 (Yasugaki, et al.) were cited in Takahashi '024. The remaining documents cited

in Takahashi '024 were previously cited in the subject application.

It will also be appreciated that U.S. Patent No. 5,875,056 (Takahashi '056) is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 5,701,202 (Takahashi '202), which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 16, 1999.

Turning to the two Japanese documents cited herein, Applicants respectfully submit that Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 4-242630 corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 3-11492, which is the document intended to be referenced at page 27, lines 12 and 13 of the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that U.S. Patent No. 5,598,248 is a U.S. counterpart of the Japanese application. With respect to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 4-343313, Applicants respectfully submit that U.S. Patent No. 5,671,062 is a U.S. counterpart. Abstracts for each of the two Japanese documents were obtained from a commercial database.

Lastly, U.S. Patent No. 5,734,505 (Togino, et al.) was identified to Applicants by the Examiner.

FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due; however, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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